

The Miner.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1877.

THEY COME, THEY COME.

Crowds of people are arriving here daily, from all quarters of the world, and everything indicates that the tide of immigration has just begun to arrive; every mail brings intelligence that others are preparing to start for Arizona, which is all well enough, so long as they bring means with them to assist in the development of the mines, but if they come depending on muscle alone, we feel it to be our duty to say that the market for that article is well supplied, and though not as yet, absolutely overdone, there is reason to fear that, like Virginia City, Nevada, there may come a time, and that soon, when there will be a demand for something to do. The Territorial Enterprise asserts that there are fifteen hundred able bodied and willing minded miners and other laboring men in that city, out of employment and without resources of any kind upon which to subsist themselves and families because more people have come there seeking employment than there is employment to give.

We are anxious for this country to fill up with thrifty, industrious people, but would not advise any to come depending entirely on their own labor, especially if they intend to work for wages, as that class of people is already largely represented here, and will continue to come as fast or faster than the development of the resources of the country will warrant. What is wanted is capital in the hands of men who understand how to use it in the purchase and improvement of mining properties; for such there is ample room, and abundant opportunity to make investments that will yield handsome returns, and even fortunes, and in some cases it is possible for prospectors with no more means than barely enough to purchase a grub stake, to find mines that will pay for large sums; but it is far better not to risk one's self in such an experiment without something to fall back upon in case of failure.

Poverty, in any distressing form, we have not much among us, and it is not desirable that there should be, therefore those who urge the poorer classes to come here, by holding out deceitful allures to them and causing them to believe that they can by the labor of their own hands soon become rich and independent, not only do them an irreparable injury by enticing them away from comfortable homes, but the country is wrong by over crowding it with labor before it is ready for it.

Capital is shy and has to be coaxed to go even to its own advantage, but labor is aggressive and muscle is venturesome. If the former can be induced to come there need be no fear but the latter will be here in abundance.

MINES AND MINING.

Several of our mining experts have been in town during the last few days and we have gathered from them information in regard to mines in some of the distant districts.

The "Mesa Lead," Agua Fria district is being worked by Messrs. Poland and Roberts, with flattering results. They erected an arrastra and have worked seven tons of ore from the mine which yielded over one hundred dollars per ton, and now are ready to commence the reflection of another large lot of ore which they confidently believe will surpass their first experiment. The "Mesa Lead" was discovered by Mr. Poland in September last, is three feet wide, has good walls and presents every indication of permanency. Thus far, this mine has paid its owners several hundred dollars more than expenses, and Mr. Poland is one of our oldest citizens and prospectors and deserves well of the people in this section.

Jack Moore's "Tip Top," in Black Canyon, is acknowledged by parties who are familiar with it, to be equal to the Peak, which is one of the wonders and draws much attention towards the Territory. Mr. Moore's claim has an average width of nearly three feet and assays \$700 to the ton. A quantity of ore which was worked at Wickenburg, in a gold mine, only averaged \$25 per ton, which was far from being satisfactory to its owner, and he has decided to work his mine and save the ore until such time as Black Canyon can boast of a good silver mine of her own.

Messrs. Berwin and Cronan are prospecting their mine—the Cross-Cut—which has a pay-streak of two feet of high-grade ore. These gentlemen are experienced miners and prospectors, and are more than picked with their chances of having one of the best mines in the district.

The Swilling, discovered by J. W. Swilling, has an average width of three feet, and can be traced for three miles. This mine has been leased to Mr. Thompson, who is taking out plenty of good ore and prospecting the land thoroughly.

Besides the leads we have mentioned, there are many more very valuable ones being worked with flattering results. Although Black Canyon has one hundred and thirty miles extending the previous results from the bowels of the earth, they have neither unites, veins, or any other mode of separating the precious metals. Many are dependent upon the placer deposits as sources of wealth and no longer to be depended upon. A greater mistake could hardly be made. It is, we think, prudent and safe to state that the thousands of thousands of dollars which have been taken from the surface diggings, will be duplicated so soon as proper facilities can be procured for the judicious working of our hydraulic claims.

Aside from this, there is plenty of new ground, which will at some future time be made highly productive if worked on a large scale and with due regard to economy. To do this, claims must be consolidated and water supplied in plenty. In other words, moderate capital is all that is required in hundreds of thousands of dollars of the early days to make them even more productive than then.

Arizona offers very many excellent opportunities for the investment of capital in mining, milling and smelting work. Capital to a moderate extent has come in, is being employed successfully, and already is reproducing itself. Messrs. Schellman and Gates having purchased the interest of Mr. John Curtin in the original "Crook" mine have begun extensive work in fully developing the latent wealth hidden in that famous lead. They have already extracted large quantities of exceedingly rich ore, and the vein has materially increased in size since these late operations, now averaging about twelve inches in width.

Work has been resumed on the "Sparling's" lead in Hassayampa district, the Kent Bros. undertaking to run a tunnel on the mine, in consideration of having been deeded one-half interest in that property. The ore from this lead is said to average about \$250 per ton and being a mine of fair size we confidently expect to hear a good report from that quarter soon. Mr. Barrook and Capt. Snyder have paid a visit to the "Commissary" lead, with the view of commencing operations on this claim, which appears to be considered by mining experts to be one of the best in Hassayampa district.

Damages Claimed.

The San Francisco Post, of February 16, has this item:

W. P. Hamilton and P. F. Nougues have filed a complaint in the Fourth District Court against B. W. Reagan to recover \$75,000 for alleged breach of contract. It is set forth in complaint that on the 25th of November, 1876, an agreement was entered into between the parties, by which the plaintiffs were to proceed to the Silver King mine, Pinal County, Arizona, for the purpose of examining it, and, if things were found satisfactory, they were to pay the defendant \$75,000 for his one-half interest in the mine, and also another sum, to be agreed upon for the interest of Charles G. Mason. The plaintiff made the examination accord-

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William M. Lunt, the veteran operator in mining properties, left San Francisco yesterday for Prescott, his trips always mean something as he never travels across deserts and into the mountains for pleasure, or to gratify an idle curiosity. Some years ago when he became interested in the Tiger mine here he considered that the time had not arrived for active and extensive operations so remote from transportation facilities, and with the property surrounded by danger from Indians. But now the approach of the railroad and absence of Indians have rendered transportation and the means of travel comparatively cheap and safe, and we may confidently expect to see our long neglected but fabulously rich mines opened up and made to yield amounts that will astonish the world.

Mr. Gillette, manager of the Silver Glance mine and smelting works in Mohave county who represents large eastern capital is also coming to Prescott to look at the mining resources of Yavapai with a view to investing.

These are only two of a host of mining men and capitalists, both from San Francisco and the East whose attention is directed towards Central Arizona. We mention these two as representatives of the two sections from which we must look for an immediate supply of capital to aid in opening up the mines, building mills, etc., and in due time, when our fame shall have gone out beyond the seas, we may as confidently look for European operators to flock to the "Macedonian cry," and "come over and help us."

Mr. Partridge, of Weaver, has been taking a trip around the country, and has taken in Wickenburg, Phoenix, Hayden's Ferry, Black Canyon and the Big Bend district. He is now in the latter named place, where he is engaged in mining, having been foreman and superintendent of the celebrated Poor-man mine in Idaho, and an extensive operator in mining property. Mr. Lissak has purchased a mine in Pinal county, and young Ben Holliday is looking for the best place to invest.

The Southern Pacific Railroad is running to Dose Palms, within 20 miles of the Colorado river and 34 miles beyond Indian Wells. Sleeping cars will, be at once put on the route to connect with the Arizona stage, which leaves every other day. The accommodations will be first-class in every particular.—Los Angeles Reubolican.

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